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for members of related families and others interested in genealogical research.

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The earliest records of the Edgell family in Maryland are found in the Land Office in the Hall of Records, Annapolis, Maryland.

Ann Edgell, 1676, Liber 15, folio 359; Christofer Ejeril, 1678, Lib. 15, f.353; Isabella Ejions, 1665, Lib. 9, f.99; Mary Edgell, 1671, Lib. 16, f.407; and John 'Agons', 1673

In ancient records the spellings of the name of this family are numerous. This would indicate that the final consonant was slurred or unpronounced. Edgell, Edgen, Agen, and Edger were used in various documents relating to the same tract of land. Eggle, Edging, and Edgill were used as surnames of the same person. For this reason, the compiler has included the name "Agens" as another variation of the same name. To date, he has found no evidence to prove any connection of the persons named above (from Land Office Records) with the following members of the family. Therefore, our connected genealogy must begin with BENJAMIN EDGELL (I) at the time of his first recorded purchase of land in Dorchester County on the eastern shore of Maryland, in a section which is now Caroline County. This land is in the vicinity of Preston, Md.

Dorchester County Deeds, Liber Old #7, folio 3:
"To all Xtian people whom this wrighting shall come, - - know ye that the said Stephen Fluharty for good and valuable consideration of Three Thousand pounds of Tobacco to him in hand paid or otherwise well secured, - have bargained, sold, (etc), unto BENJAMIN EDGELL, (etc) a parcel of land called FLUHARTY'S DESIRE lying on the east side of Chesapeake Bay in Dorchester County (etc) on the south side of Marie Branch of Crakers Creek formerly called Butlers and Soulas Creek, and south side of Choptank River (etc) and now laid out for 220 acres more or less, Stephen Fluharty doth freely sell to the above said Benj^a EDGEN." - dated NOVEMBER 14, 1716.
See also: Liber Old # 12, folio 78, Dorchester County Deeds, re: division of land.
Names:
Benjamin Edger and Benjamin Edgell (same person) are recorded on ff. 54 and 113 of the debt book, Land Office, Annapolis, for years 1734 and 1737, re land known as Fluharty's Desire. Benjamin Edger, Jr., listed on f.29 of debt book, 1737, as owner of "Sarah's Delight," of which more shall be written.
Folios 34 and 46, years 1756 and 1758 show Benjamin Edgell as owner of Fluharty's Desire.

Dorchester County Deeds, Liber Old #11, f.105:- (25 September 1743)
Benjamin Edgell, Senr, "-for the good respect and love he hath for - James Edgell" gave unto the said James Edgell fifty acres of "Fluharty's Desire".

Sussex County, Del., Wills, - Liber B-2, f.138:- (dated 4 Sept. 1757; pr. 10 Oct.1757)
James Reed, who was very sick, executed his will. In it, he bequeathed a cow and calf to "Benjamin Edgin's eldest son, John". Reed's children, named in the will, were: John, Thomas, James, Joseph, JESSE, Isabella, and Sarah Reed.

Other references to Benjamin Edgell, Sr., have been found in these volumes in the Register of Wills office, Denton, Md., - 00 #A, ff. 31,32, & 90, and in Caroline Co. Administration Bonds, under these spellings: Egens, Eggen, Edging, and Edgell.

CAROLINE COUNTY WILLS, Liber 00 #A, folio 90:- WILL OF BENJAMIN EDGELL, Senior:-
(dated 1 January 1757, proved 11 December 1758)
"I, Benjamin Edgell of Dorchester County, - - have in my lifetime given all my children saving my son John there equall full parts of all my personable estate that I

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ever intended them and each of them to have other or more than this day given" - To son Benjamin, one shilling and no more; to sons and daughters James, Thomas, Catherine and Mary, and grandson William, 'son of my son Walter,' - one shilling to each, and no more. To son JOHN EDGELL, house, land, and plantation, the land called Steven Fluharty's Desire, part containing fifty acres, more or less, - and all personable estate.

Note: TESTAMENTARY PROCEEDINGS, Liber 35, (Annapolis) 10 July 1752, shows that James Edgell administered the estate of his brother Walter Edgell, under bond dated 11 June 1752. No reference to heirs of Walter found, except in will of Benjamin Edgell, Sr. Walter lived in Queen Anne's County, Md., at time of his death.

Testamentary Proceedings, Liber 37, f.197 (Annapolis):-
"Benjamin Edgell,(Sr.) his will and Testamentary Bond in common form by John Edgell, - in sum of 500 pounds sterling, (etc) - dated 11 Dec. 1758.
Inventories, Liber 67, f.237 (Annapolis):-
Benjamin Edgell (Sr.) - inventory approved by kin: James and Thomas Edgell. Appraisers: J. Harris and Abraham Clark. - 26 Dec. 1758.
- on 27 Mar. 1759, "John Edgell made oath - " etc.

THOMAS EDGELL (son of Benj. Sr., and mentioned in his will)
- witnessed will of Wm. Edmundson, merchant, Dorchester County, 10 Dec. 1745.
- died before 16 Feb. 1761, when administration bond by Sarah Edgill was filed.
- Testamentary Proceedings, Liber 38, f. 126 (Annapolis)
later, the widow married John Mitchell, for letters of administration were issued to John Mitchell and Sarah his wife.
-2 June 1762, -Accounts, Liber 3, f. 168, - deceased's estate 299 pounds, 4s, 5d.
That is all that could be found re: Thomas Edgill.

BENJAMIN EDGELL (Jr.) who died before 13 April 1761, left a more complete record of his life than did his brother Thomas. Testamentary Proceedings, Liber 29, folio 475, and Liber 30, folios 17 and 113, re: estate of John Hignutt, and Accounts, Liber 14, folio 65, show that Benjamin Edgell, Jr., married Katherine, widow of John Hignutt, sometime before 12 Nov. 1735, but after 13 Nov. 1734.
Dorchester County Deeds, Liber Old #14, f.407, - 12 March 1749, - Benjamin Edgell, Jr. and Cathron his wife sold to Alexander Frazer for 20 pounds current money, "that tract - left to - Cathron, being the daughter of Daniel Cromeen by his firsth and fourmost wife by Henry Connyer" - being part of a tract cawled 'Sarah's Delight" on south side of Choptank River," - etc.
Inventories, Liber 75, f.250 - 2 May 1761 - Estate of Benjamin Edgell, Jr. Inventory approved by kin Benjamin Edgell and Daniel Cromeen Edgell (sons), - et al. 13 Aug. 1761, Catherine Edgell, administratrix of Benjamin Edgell, deceased, made oath, - etc. See also: Testamentary Proceedings, Liber 41, folio 75 (Annapolis)
(Bond: 13 April 1761.) " " " 38, " 128, & 250

Benjamin Edgell, son of Benjamin Edgell, Jr., died before 7 Dec. 1775, when administration bond of his brother Daniel was dated. (Caroline Co.) - Testamentary Proceedings, Liber 46, folio 117. (Other references to this Benjamin Edgell in Liber 45, folio 149, and Liber 46, folio 213, Test. Proc.)
Inventories, Liber 120, folios 173, 174, - Estate of Benjamin Edgell, planter, of Caroline County, - 2 January 1775, inventory approved by kin: Henry Edgell and Caty Edgell, - et al. 28 April 1775, Daniel Edgell, admr. of Benjamin Edgell, made oath - etc. (Compiler believes that Henry and Daniel were brothers of this Benjamin and that Caty was his mother, Catherine.) SEE 1st item on page 4 of notes.

JOHN EDGELL (a son of Benjamin Edgell, Sr.) is listed in Debt Book, Land Office, Annapolis, as owner of tracts "Brotherhood" and part of "Fluharty's Desire", 1756, '58, '66, '67, '70; on folios 47, 55, 54, 53, 41. "Brotherhood" was deeded to him by brother James Edgell, a carpenter, for 10s., 13 March 1748. Dorchester Co. Deeds Liber Old #14, folio 338. His wife, MARY EDGELL, also signed the deed.

This John Edgell died intestate before 13 March 1773, when widow Elizabeth filed bond for 300 pounds sterling, as admrx, with John Webster and John Edgell, Jr., as sureties.-Testamentary Proceedings, Liber 45, f.67 Inventory approved by James and Abraham Edgell, 29 March 1773. Elizabeth Edgell, admx. of John Edgell, dec., made oath, - 2 June 1773, -Inventories, Liber 112, ff.218-220. Returns exhibited 28 July 1773, - Test. Proc.
Final Account of Elizabeth Edgell, admx. of estate of John Edgell, Sr., dated 13 October 1775, showed balance for distribution 27 pounds, 15 s., 2½d., - widows 1/3 9 pounds, 5s. 1d. - other heirs, - Esther, Benjamin, Mary, Thomas, James, John, Walter, William, Elizabeth, Sarah, and Ann Edgell, children of the deceased. Reference: Balance Book #7, p.38. (Dorchester Co. record, - Archives, Annapolis)

*** LAND RECORD, - LIBER A, ff.262-263, - Clerk's Office, Caroline County Courthouse, Denton, Maryland: (* indicates 'his mark')
"Caroline County, SS. Be it remembered that at a County Court held for Caroline County at Melville Warehouse, in the said County the third Tuesday in March in the year of our Lord Seventeen hundred and seventy eight Mr. Peter Richardson one of the Justices of the same County Court, personally came into the same Court and delivered a Book containing the Oath of Fidelity to the State of Maryland and the Names of those persons who did in his presence before the first day of March instant take, repeat, and subscribe the said Oath, which said persons Names are as follows, to wit - -
"26 January 1778. Philip Walker, 25 February William Graham (Taylor), Peter * Steel, Alexander * Waddle, Joseph Clift, (26th) William Walker, Junr, (28th) James * Billetor, William * Greenhawk, William * Webster, John Waddell, BENJAMIN * EDGELL (son of Jno.), John * Turner, John Mitchell, Richard Mitchell, Richard * Clark, Maccabeus Alford, William * Scowdrick, William * Ryan, Step. Fluharty, John Reeves, Henry Bowdle, Levin Trippe, Solomon Frazier, James Trippe (son of Jno.), Samuel Ball, William * Johnson, John Mears. Mariners that belong to Capt. Nool's Sloop now lying at his wharf. Certified - - - Peter Richardson "

*** LAND RECORD, Liber A, f.263, - Caroline Co. Md. (as above) -
Census of males over 18 years of age in Great Choptank Hundred, 3rd Tues. in March, 1778, by Thomas Wynn Loockerman, Constable, - included these EDGELLS:
Benjamin Edgell (of James), Benjamin Edgell (of John), James Edgell, Abraham Edgell, Daniel Edgell, Henry Edgell, William Edgell (single), Walter Edgell (single).

NOTE: Henry and Daniel were sons of Benjamin Edgell, Jr. (d.1761) and brothers of Benjamin Edgell who died in 1775.
James Edgell was the surviving son of Benjamin Edgell, Sr., who died in 1758.
Abraham Edgell was a son of that James, - as will be shown.
William and Walter Edgell were sons of John Edgell, Sr., who died in 1773.

+JAMES EDGELL (son of Benjamin Edgell, Sr.) is listed in Debt Book, Land Office, Annapolis, 1756,'58,'66,'67,'70; folios 45,54,33,31,40, as owner of Brotherhood, Edgell's Lott, Add'n to Edgell's Venture, and Add'n to Fluharty's Desire. (James deeded part of tract 'Brotherhood' to brother John, 13 March 1748, - Dor. Co. Deeds, Old #14, f.338) He secured patent to "Edgell's Lott", 66 a., in 1759,-Land Office Record. On 10 May 1765, James Clark deeded to him pew #32 in St. Mary's White Chapel Parish Ch. for 3 pounds current money. Said pew had been shared by them. - Dorchester County Deeds, Old #20, ff.86,87. (This church now St. John's P.E. Church, Denton, Md.)
On 13 Dec. 1769, James Edgell deeded to son Benjamin tract of land, 116½ acres, called 'an addition to Phleharty's Desire' lying on the southeast side of the plantation on which Benjamin Edgell, Father of the aforesaid James formarly lived." - - Dorchester County Deeds, Liber Old #23, f.437.
JAMES EDGELL made his will 20 April 1782 (proved 7 May 1782) - Caroline County Wills, Liber J.R. #B, f.73. - In it, he left to son ABRAHAM his dwelling place and made bequests to grandsons: James and Robert Edgell, described as sons of Abraham Edgell. To son Benjamin, he bequeathed the pew in St. Mary's White Chapel Parish Church, Daughters: Elizabeth Waddell, Catherine Frampton, and Mary Clift also heirs.

Important: Land Record, G.F., Liber A, f.97, Caroline County, Md. - 8 March 1775 Daniel Edgell, son of Benjamin, of Caroline County, - deeded to Benjamin Edgell, son of James, for 50 pounds current money, in Dollars at 7s 6d each, part of Fluharty's Desire, - 50 a. - conveyed by Stephen Fluharty late of Dorchester Co., deceased, to Benjamin Edgell, the grandfather of the said Daniel Edgell, also late of Dorchester County, deceased, 14 Nov. 1716, - it being the same part of the afsd. tract of land which was willed or intended to have been willed by the said Benjamin Edgell, Senior, to his son John Edgell, late of Dorchester County, deceased. (see next to last item on page 2 of these notes, re: Daniel, Henry, and Caty Edgell. Debt Book, folio 42, Land Office, Annapolis, shows Benj. Edgell of James as owner of Addn. to Flu. Des.1770

Important: Land Record, G.F. Liber #A, f.70, Caroline County, Md., 9 Nov. 1774, Benjamin Edgell, son of John, deeded to his brother, Walter Edgell, part of tract 'Brotherhood' for 24 pounds current money. Elizabeth, wife of Benj. Edgell agreed to the sale and signed the deed.

Walter Edgell (a son of John) was drafted as soldier in Revolution by Wm. Whitely, 14 Aug. 1781, - p. 585, Muster Rolls of Maryland Troops. Walter Edgell died before 9 Oct. 1799, for Mary Edgell, "widow of Walter" gave Bills of Sale to personal property on that date. - Land Records, Liber F, folio 516, Caroline Co. Md.

"Eastern Shore" Maryland Edgells in 1790 Census:

Name	County	Page	Free W. Males over 16	Free W. Males -16	Free W. Females	All Oth.	Slaves
Susannah Edgell	Talbot	110	0	0	2	1	0
Benjamin Edgill	Caroline	37	2	3	7	0	0
Daniel Edgill	"	"	2	2	2	0	8
Henry Edgill	"	"	1	3	5	0	0
Walter Edgill	"	"	1	0	1	0	2

Pennsylvania:

Abram Edgen — Franklin — 115 - It MAY be that this was Abraham Edgell, son of James. No research done on this point.

U.S. Census of Delaware, 1790, not in existence at this time. P. 1175 of Scharff's History of Delaware lists William Edgen, John Edgen, and Benjamin Edgen as taxpayers of Kent County, Delaware, in 1785.

BENJAMIN EDGELL (Son of James) of Caroline County, made his will 6 January 1791; - proved 7 July 1791. - Wills, Liber J.R. #B, f. 189, - Denton, Md., (Original in Md. Archives, Annapolis). He left all of his real and personal property to his widow, Rebeccah during widowhood; then, the two tracts, Fluharty's Desire and Addition to Fluharty's Desire were to go to son Ezekiel Edgell. "- Ezekiel shall keep my son J E S S E to live with him" (or) pay Jesse 5 pounds per year after Ezekiel gets possession of the land. Allin Edgell to get land if Ezekiel dies without lawful issue. Son James to have no part in will. After death or marriage of Rebeccah, all personal property to be equally divided amongst daughters Mary, Ann, Lidia, and Deborough Edgell and son Allin Edgell. Wife, Rebeccah, sole executrix.

THIS Benjamin Edgell could be no one other than the son of James because the lands he willed to Ezekiel are the same lands deeded to him as "Benjamin Edgell, son of James": - "Addition to Phleharty's Desire" deeded by James Edgell 13 Dec. 1769, -containing 116½ acres, - and 50 acres of "Fluharty's Desire" deeded to him by Daniel, son of Benjamin Edgell, Jr., 8 March 1775. (First item on this page and next to last item on page 3.)

The Daniel Edgell mentioned above married Margaret Lowe, Caroline Co., Md., 3 Nov. 1778. Reference to him in Testamentary Proceedings, Liber 44, f.378, Annapolis.

By process of elimination, we come to the inescapable conclusion that Benjamin Edgell, son of John, was the Benjamin Edgin who died intestate in Sussex County, Delaware, - before 28 April 1796, when letters of administration were granted to Lurana Edgin. (To be more exact, his death was before 13 January 1795, - date of the inventory of his personal property. -Sussex Co. Wills & Adms., Vol.70,p33, Archives, Dover.

Lurana Edgin died before 17 February 1809, when inventory was presented by Thomas Fisher and James King. - Sussex Co. Inventories, Archives, Dover, Del.

Henry Edgen (probably son of Benjamin Edgell, Jr.) was on tax lists of Kent Co., Del., 1790-1801, according to Geo. V. Massey, II, of Dover, well-known genealogist. Edgells in Lincoln, Ill., claim descent from Henry Edgell, Jr. The claim is substantiated by said Henry Edgell's application for pension for service in War of 1812 (Pension file # SC 25267, National Archives, Washington, D.C.) He said that he was drafted at Dick's Old Field, Caroline Co., Md., at time of British advance on Wash. City, 1814, served 21 days, discharged at Royal Oak, Talbot Co. - Then, 12 yrs in Caroline Co., 5 in Preble Co., Ohio, 22 in Van Buren Twp., Kosciusko Co., Ind., and 13 years in Middletown, Logan Co., Ill. He said that he was 24 when he enlisted; born in Caroline Co., Md., had black eyes and hair, and dark complexion; - etc. Date of application for pension: 27 April 1878; - age, 88; - therefore, born in 1790.

There are many Edgells in northern part of West Virginia, particularly in Wetzel Co. A special bulletin of notes on this branch of the family will be prepared in the near future. (Given name "Allen" repeated frequently among W.Va. Edgells.)

In the Bounty Land Claim Records in National Archives is an application from a Benjamin Edgin of Niles, Berrien Co., Mich., who claimed that he had been a private in the company of Stephen Reddon; drafted at Milford, Del., 15 May 1813, discharged at Cedar Beach about 15 Sept. 1813. Claim was rejected. No record of service found. This Benjamin Edgin died Sunday, 9 April 1871 (intestate). Heirs: - Sarah Howl, Chicago, Ill., William Edgin, Milton, Mich., Maria Harris, Niles, Mich., Nathan Edgin, Milton, Mich., Nancy Jane Shockley, Niles, Mich., James Edgin, Niles Twp., Mich. and Anelston Edgin, Milton, Mich. Liber P&A, page 320, Probate Records of Berrien Co., Mich., St. Joseph, Mich.

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This Benjamin Edgin married Charity 'Chancy' Morris, Aug. 28, 1817 (Archives, Dover) On 2 Dec. 1822 he and wife sold 188 acres in Mispillion Hd., Del., for $933.25, - land which came to him as oldest son and heir entail of Ann (Nancy) Edgin, wife of William Edgin who was father of the said Benjamin (then deceased). The land had belonged to his grandfather, William Jester, father of said Ann (Nancy) Edgin. - Kent Co., Del., Deeds, - Vol. M-2, p.57.

John Edgin (probably son of John Edgell, Sr., who died in 1773 - see p.3) married Eleanor Jester, daughter of Wm. Jester. His brother, William, had married Ann (Nancy) Jester, sister of Eleanor. - Kent Co., Del., Deeds, Vols. C-2, p.290, F-2, pp.60, 273, Dover, Del., contain adequate proof of these facts. (Issue of John & Eleanor-??)

William Jester's will was proved 4 January 1773. Vol. L, p.123, Reg. of Wills, Dover.

EZEKIEL EDGELL (son of Benjamin 'of James'; - see p. 4, below Census material) made his will in Dec. 1812; proved 13 Jan. 1813. - Caroline Co. Wills, Vol. J.R.#C, p.223, Denton, Md. He named his wife, Peggy, executrix. Eldest son, Harrison Edgell to have 66 acres at 21 -"to satisfy my said son for legacy left by his grandfather Joshua Tinsley". Other children: Emmala, Charles, Mary Maria, Eliza Ann, and Susan Edgell.

JESSE EDGELL ('EDGIN' in Del. records), a younger son of Benjamin Edgell 'of James', was born in Caroline County, Md., 10 June 1774; married Mary Jester, daughter of Rev. Daniel and Elizabeth Jester, 17 Sept. 1799. (Mary was born 29 May 1782) - Bible Records.

Jesse Edgin, with John Haslet, witnessed will of Thos. Carey, Jr., dated 3 October 1795; proved 14 Oct. 1795. - Sussex Wills, Vol. E-5, p.50, Georgetown, Del.

Ann Mitten, widow, of Sussex Co., Del., - left one small Dutch oven to her daughter Elizabeth Jester; - to her granddaughter MARY EDGING, one English shilling; - and other bequests to grandson-in-law, John Tull. (Ann probably was the 2nd wife of Wm. Mitten of Broadkiln Hd., for he left her personal property "equal to the property I got by her.") - Sussex Co. Wills, Vol. F-6, p.213, dated 13 Nov. 1805; proved 3 Dec. 1805.

"Mary Edgeing wife of Jesse Edgeing" was named as a niece of Ann Hayes of Sussex Co., Del., in Ann's will dated July 14, 1808; proved 19 Dec. 1809. Other nieces and nephews named: Nancy Roach, Martha Tull, and Daniel Roach. Sussex Wills, Vol. F-6, p.388.

Jesse Edgin served under Capt. Ingram in the defense of Lewes, Del., in March & May 1813, and in the Delaware Militia in 1815. (Del. Archives, Vol. IV, pp. 460, 497, and Vol. V, p.931, &c.) - 1st Co., 8th Reg. (He was listed as a resident of Broadkiln Hundred on p. 931 of Vol. V; - also in tax lists of Broadkiln Hd., prior to 1829.)

U.S. CENSUS OF DEL., 1820 (National Archives) - Broadkiln Hd., Sussex County:

Jessee Edging (head of family) -
1 male under 10; 1 btw. 16 and 18; 1 btw. 26 & 45. (Jesse was very close to 45. ADB)
3 females under 10; 2 btw. 16 & 26; 1 btw. 26 & 45; 1 past 45. (Mary was 38. ADB)

After 1828 the name of Jesse Edgin is on the tax lists of Northwest Fork Hundred, Sussex Co. (Books in Clerk of Peace's office, Georgetown, Del.)

U.S. CENSUS OF DELAWARE, 1830 (National Archives) - Vol. 5, p.164, Northwest Fork Hd.,

Jesse Edging (head of family) -
1 male between 5 and 10; 1 btw. 10 & 15; 1 btw. 20 & 30; 1 btw. 50 & 60 (Jesse 56.)
1 female btw. 5 & 10; 1 btw. 10 & 15; 1 btw. 15 & 20; 2 btw. 20 & 30; 1 btw. 40 & 50. (Mary was 48)

Daniel Jester, Sr. (father of Mary Edgin, wife of Jesse) lived and died in Broadkiln Hd., Sussex Co., Del. On p. 62, Vol. 5, 1830 Census of Del., his family was shown:
1 male btw. 15 & 20; 1 btw. 70 & 80. (Daniel Jester was 74 in 1830, A.D.B.)
1 female btw. 5 & 10; 1 btw. 10 & 15; 1 btw. 70 & 80.
(The 3 young people were Benj., Mary Jane, and Amelia Edgin, according to family tradition. Evidence to be presented seems to confirm the tradition.)

JESSE EDGIN died intestate, 1 Sept. 1839 (Bible Record). Letters of Administration granted to widow, Mary Edgin, 10 Sept. 1839. Children listed in papers: Mary Jane, Elizabeth, Louisa, Amelia, William, and Robert Edgin, and Sarah Knox wife of Samuel Knox. - Wills and Adms., Vol. A-70, p.34, Archives, Dover, Del. Inventory of Jesse Edgin, late of Northwest Fork Hundred, Sussex Co., Del., proved 12 Sept. 1839. Amount $663.01½. Signed by Mary Edgin and William Edgin. - Sussex Co. Inventories, Archives, Dover.

NOTE: Daniel Jester, Sr., died 5 Jan. 1840. His will, dated 26 June 1831, proved 29 Feb. 1840, mentioned wife ELIZABETH, sons Daniel and Isaac Jester, and grandchildren Mary, Daniel, Elizabeth, Benjamin, Jesse, and Nezzey Edgin;
" Nezzey Dutton, Mary Dodd, Nelly and Abraham Donovan. A special bequest was made to Benjamin Edgin on condition that he remain with his grandmother Jester until her death, or get only $20. As a codicil to the will, Daniel Jester said that he had paid Benj. the $20 and was to have no more.
-Wills & Adm., Vol. A 80, p.190, - Del. Archives, Dover.
same page mentions: Jesse Dutton and wife Nelly, Burton Polite and wife Mary, John Dodd and wife Elizabeth (nee Edgin. ADB)

Daniel Jester, Sr., was born 9 March 1756. He served in the American Revolution as a private in "The Independent Company of Foot in the Service of the United States" - commanded by Capt. Wm. Peery, for defense of Lewes, Del. He received a pension for this service. -Del. Archives, Vol.III, pp.1054-1055. also Vol. II, p.733. Pension Record file #S-31773, Veterans' Adm. Records, National Archives, Wash., D.C. Application dated 12 Oct. 1832.

Elizabeth Jester (widow of Daniel, Sr.) died intestate before Dec. 18, 1841. Inventory prob. 21 January 1842. Heirs: Daniel Jester, Jr., Boaz Downing and wife Nelly (nee Jester); heirs of son Isaac Jester, deceased; heirs of Elizabeth Dutton, Sally Donovan, Mary Dodd, and Nezzey Edgin, all deceased. (Nezzey was nickname of Ebenezer Garrison Edgin, eldest son of Jesse and Mary Edgin. Letters of Administration of his estate were granted to his widow, Amelia Edgin, nee Phillips, 13 Jan. 1835. - Liber R, p.34, Probate Records of [illegible] Del.

Benjamin Edgen went to sea and was believed to be dead. He returned to Delaware c. 1860 and married Ellen Morris, daughter of Winguto Morris who lived southeast of Georgetown, in Sussex County. Name on tombstone: Capt. Benjamin Agens. Born 8 Nov. 1813 (tombstone and Bible record), died 20 Dec. 1864, (tombstone). Mr. Clarence Edgens of Lewes, son of Garrison Edgens, Jr., said that Benj. was his great uncle. Mrs. Rufus Roach of Rehoboth, a daughter of the widow of Capt. Benj. 'Agens' by her second husband, confirmed this in detail. Daniel Anderton Edgin is said to have gone to Newbern, N.C., circa 1835. Jesse Edgin, Jr., died before 28 July 1847, when letters of administration were granted to John Dodd of F. (Elizabeth Edgin, sister of Jesse, Jr., married John Dodd) - Wills & Adms., Vol. A-70, p.35, Archives, Dover.

THE COMPILER OF THESE NOTES HAS SEARCHED THE CENSUS RECORDS OF DELAWARE for the years 1820, 1830, 1840, 1850, several times, as well as those of adjacent Maryland counties, and has paid others to recheck his findings. There is but ONE Jesse Edgin listed as the head of a family, and the age of that Jesse always was consistent with the Bible record, probate records, etc.

Mary Edgen and son William Edgen were listed on Tax Rolls of 1840, N.W. Fork Hd.

MARY EDGIN, as head of her family, appears in the 1840 Census of Del. (N.W.Fk.Hd.)
- 1 male btw. 10 & 15; 1 btw. 15 & 20; 1 btw. 20 & 30.
- 1 female btw. 15 &20; 1 btw. 20 & 30; 1 btw. 30 & 40; 1 btw. 50 & 60. (Mary was 58)

1850 Census Of Delaware, (Vol.3), 11th Subdiv'n., Sussex County (N.W.Fork Hundred)
Dwelling house #250, Family 257:

Mary Edgin,	age	68	female	white	Born in	Delaware	
Amelia Edgin	"	34	"	"	"	"	"
Mary Jane Edgin	"	26	"	"	"	"	"
Sarah E. Edgin	"	7	"	"	"	"	"

Dwelling House 248, Family 253: - 11th Subdiv'n. Sussex County, Del. (1850 Census)

William Edgin,	age	23,	male,	white, farmer,	Born in	Delaware	
Cornelia Edgin	"	27,	female,	"	"	"	"
Charlotte A. Edgin	"	5,	" ,	"	"	"	"
Wm. H. Edgin,	"	3,	male,	"	"	"	"
James Edgin,	"	4/12	" ,	"	"	"	"

(William Edgin and Cornelia Adams were married 27 Nov. 1842. She died 5 Mar. 1852.
(" " married Mary Ann Pratt 10 Feb. 1859. - See Edgell Bible Records for more details.)

Robert Edgin married Ann Todd in Carolina Co., Md. - License dated Jan. 12, 1848. He is listed as a resident of Carolina Co., afsd., in 1850 Census. (notes mislaid) He died in 1903 - Caroline Co. Wills, Liber R.J. #8, p. 407, - as Robert R. Edgell.

1850 Census, Dwelling 250, Family 255, 11th Subdiv'n. Sussex Co., Del. -

Samuel Cubbage,	age	31,	male,	white, farmer,	born in	Delaware		
Louisa Cubbage,	"	35,	female,	"	"	"	"	(nee Edgin)
Luther F. Cubbage,	"	7,	male,	"	"	"	"	
Mary F. Cubbage,	"	5,	female,	"	"	"	"	
John H. Cubbage,	"	1,	male,	"	"	"	"	

(NOTE: -1860 Census, Mispillion Hd., Kent Co., Del., shows above members of Cubbage family 10 years older, and another son - Samuel F. Cubbage, age 1.)
Samuel Cubbage and Louisa Edging were married 6 January 1841 (Del. Archives, Dover)

1850 Census, Dwelling 300, Family 306, - 11th Subdiv. Sussex Co., Del. - - (KNOX)

Samuel Knocks,	age	46,	male,	white, farmer,	Born in	Delaware		
Sarah Knocks,	"	45,	female,	"	"	"	"	(nee Edgin)
Sarah A. Knocks,	"	17,	"	"	"	"	"	
William H. Knocks,	"	16,	male,	"	"	"	"	
James R. Knocks,	"	15,	"	"	"	"	"	
Benjamin E. Knocks,	"	13,	"	"	"	"	"	
Rhoda K. Knocks,	"	10,	female,	"	"	"	"	
Samuel F. Knocks,	"	8,	male,	"	"	"	"	
Martha J. Knocks,	"	4,	female,	"	"	"	"	
Mary L. Knocks,	"	2,	"	"	"	"	"	

Johnathan Knocks, age 22, male, white, sailor, born in Delaware.
(Johnathan a son of Samuel Knox by an earlier marriage; - not an Edgell descendant.)

Page 897, 1860 Census of Sussex County, Del., N.W.Fork Hd., p.o., Bridgeville: lists all members of this family except James R. Knox in same household. Name spelled KNOX, - as it should have been in 1850 Census.

Samuel Knox and Sarah Edging were married 16 August 1831. - Del. Archives, Dover.

MARY EDGIN (widow of Jesse, Sr.) - "weak in body, but of sound and disposing memory" made her will 26 February 1850; proved 12 April 1853. To daughter Milley (Amelia), she bequeathed a bed, bedstead, and furniture first choice; to daughter Jane Edgin, (Mary Jane) a bed and furniture. Residue of estate to be divided equally 'between' all (living) children:- Sarah 'Knocks', Louasa Cubbage, William Edgin, Milley Edgin, Jane Edgin, and Robert Edgin, share and share alike. Son, William Edgin, executor. Witnesses: W. Smith, Samuel Cubbage, and Millie Edgin.
- Sussex County Wills, Vol. L-11, p. 299, - Georgetown, Del.

READER MAY REFER TO "Preliminary Report on Descendants of Snow Jones" by the Rev. Albert D. Bell, for names of many more descendants of Jesse and Mary (Jester) Edgin. Edgell Bible Records (3 sets). Jones Bible Records (Dehner and Martin sets) Thomas Bible Records (1 set) . Dragoo Bible Records, (1 set) Knox Bible Records (1 set) . - reproduced by the Rev. Albert D. Bell and available in most prominent genealogical libraries, contain more Edgell data.

EDGELL - EDGIN MARRIAGES OF PUBLIC RECORD in Delaware and adjoining Maryland Co's

Anderton Edgin - Deliley White, 6/7/1820 (Daniel Anderton Edgin)
Benjamin Edgin - Chancey Morris, 8/28/1817 (Benj. of Wm.)
Elizabeth Edgin - Wm. Wade, 5/7/1789 (New Castle Co., Del.)
Elizabeth Edgin - John Dodd, 3/3/1832
Garetson Edgin - Amelia Phillips, 3/2/1820 (Garrison on probate records, as afsd.)
(Full name: Ebenezer Garetson Edgin.-Bible
Henry Edgin-Celia Jones (prob. widow of Wm. Jones).- c. 1820
Jesse Edgin - Elizabeth Prettyjohn, 1/1/1844 (Jesse Edgin, Jr.)
Jessey Edgin (f.) - to Major Minner, 1/9/1833.
Rachel Edgin-Thomas Cullen, 1/24/1811
Robert R. Edgell-Ann Todd, 1/12/1843 (Caroline Co., Md.)
Sarah Edging-Samuel Knox, 8/16/1831
Thomas A. Edgill-Catherine Graham 5/13/1845
Walter Edgill- Rachel Hurley, 3/15/1808
Louisa Edging-Samuel Cubbage, 1/6/1841
William Edgell-Cornelia Adams, 11/25/1842 (Caroline Co., Md.)
" " -Mary Ann Pratt, 2/10/1859 (Sussex Co., Del)
Wm.Francis Edgel-May E. Holt, 12/4/1879
James H. Edgell-Elizabeth Green, 2/16/1851
William H. Edgell-Mary E. Hollis, 7/29/1876
Garretson Edgens-Mary E. Pride, 8/3/1881 (son of Ebenezer Garretson Edgin, -above)

*John Edgle-Sarah Townsend, 6/27/1778, Caroline Co.
*Rhoda Edgell-Warner Milloughby 9/12/1826, Caroline Co.

Daniel Edgell-Margaret Lowe,11/3/1778 (Caroline Co., Md.)
Henry Edgell-Elizabeth Andrews, 12/26/1820 "
Isaac Edgell-Polly Smashey, 12/23/1821 " -on tax list N.W.FORK Hd.,1829
Thomas Edgell-Rhoda Covey, 3/29/1824 " -probate record: W.A.F. 1A, p.311 (1842) Car. Co., Wife: Kitty; sons: Wm. Henry & Thos. A.; d. Mary Elizabeth; g.s. Warner Williamson. Kiturah Edgell in deed indices. Guardianship Accts: Wm. Edgell, minor son of Thos. A. Edgell, and daus. Catherine and Elizabeth. - Emmalls Lubbard, guardian. 31 Dec. 1843 (etc)
Ezekiel Edgell-Mary Pinsley, 9/2/1797 - Talbot Co., Md.
Henry Edgell-Hannah Crotten, 4/19/1791- Dorchester Co., Md.
Peter Edgell-Margaret James, 8/20/1817- " " " (Many "Edgers" in Dor.Co.)

Henry, James, Margaret, Peter, Priscilla, and Thos. Edgell in 1820 Census, Caroline. Benjamin and William Edgins in 1820 Census, Mispillion Hd., Kent Co. Del. Benj. in 1830 Census, also, same place. A Cornelius Edgell was in Lewes, Del., 1728-1738. Lee Sussex Co. Deeds, Vol. F-6, p.315 and Vol. G-7, pp.91 & 276. (He was a 'joyner') -ADB